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Rebels Give Out Text of

Proceedings Before

Court-Martial.

TELLS OF EXECUTIONS

Escaped Prisoner Brings

Story of Deaths of

Two Foes of Villa.

WASHINGTON IS SILENT

State Department Is Awaiting

Announcement of Eng-

land's Attitude.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.-The

Huerta Government issued to-night

the following statement on the killing

"This case proves to the entire

world that Villa and his associates are

only barbarous murderers and shows

that Huerta's Government is the only

one worthy of the world's recognition.

The Mexican Government, regrets but

cannot assume responsibility for, the

Benton murder, because it was com-

mitted in territory not controlled by

A document purporting to be an offi-

cial report of the trial and condemnation

of William S. Benton by a court-martial

was forwarded yesterday to the State

of William S. Benton at Juarez.

Villa as a Murderer

**Huerta Denounces** 

President Huerta."

# BAR LEADERS TO NO OHIO TAX ON ROCKEFELLER. CODIFY LAWS CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—John D. Rocke-feller will probably not have to pay \$12.—

Meet Here to Form American Academy of Jurisprudence.

WANT IS LONG FELT

Restatement and Unification of Teaching Methods Are Objects.

Headquarters to Be in Washington-Foremost Attorneys Behind Move.

One of the most important meetings of place yesterday afternoon and evening at the Bar Association, when a number of leaders of the American bar met and arranged for the organization of the which has for its purpose the systematic restatement of all American law in form such as that of the Code Napoleon.

The academy also purposes to unify the methods of teaching law in all the schools of the country in order that conobject is the incorporation of the academy office in Washington, to assemble and dis- So he stabbed her twice. seminate all the legal knowledge of the

the call for yesterday's meeting were Court. William H. Taft, Alton B. Parker, Elihu committee on classification of laws of the American Bar Association, who has had charge of the active work of organization; Ezra Ripley Thayer, Roscoe Pound, Joseph H. Beale and Samuel Williston, all of the Harvard law school; Victor Morawetz, Frank B. Kellogg, ex-president of the American Bar Association; Attorney-General McReynolds, ex-Attorney-General Wickersham, James M. Beck, Gov. Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut, Frederic R. Coudert, Judge A. J. Rodenbeck, William D. Guthrie, C. S. Lobingier, Judge of the Court of First Instance, Manila ; Moorfield

#### Storey and Judge John F. Dillon Andrews Explains Objects.

Mr. Andrews stated the general objects of the organization when he called the meeting to order. He said that one of the great objects is "the recognition creation, exposition and administration of law. The scientific check against the satural tendency of the law toward con- several important through New will fall into confusion."

Mr. Andrews said:

To be carried out systematically, completely and harmoniously requires system in the process of research, the recognition while teaching the young of the system of law the comprehension of which constitutes a legal education. Systematic exposition is an absolute essential to practical comprehension, and indeed to the very existence of a system. Speaking of these in their order, what treasures of research and learning are lost to the World because of the lack of some organ!zation which shall aid the individual scholars in their research and shall preserve the results of these researches.

Some years ago in company with Mr. Justice McLean I visited St. Louis to examine manuscripts left by the late Dr. William G. Hammond, chancellor of Iowa University. There in a vault in a box at least three feet in length and eighteen inches wide were the unpublished manuscripts of this great scholar, unfinished and unarranged for publication. What days and nights of toil, what years of thought and study those manuscripts represented

#### Aid to Scholars.

The great danger is always that the scholar worn out by his zeal, unchecked and unguided, wears himself out before his task is finished. With an organization of the kind proposed the labor of the scholars can be lightened, the results preserved for the general good.

"In the matter of legal education the proposal is to secure a general recognition among the schools that there is a system of law, an existing corpus juris you like, the comprehension of which ecessarily constitutes the object of study nethods of study and teaching the eyes of all students may be directed toward the soal of their endeavor; namely, the knowledge and understanding of this system

My own belief is that this will prove to one of the greatest influences for the ainment of a uniform conception of what must needs be the central body of the land. complete restatement of the existing

every developing country.

"May I be indulged in one further thought, namely the paramount importance to the profession of this movement? It may not be too much to say that the dignity of the bar is at stake; surely its dignity and welfare are in-

Urged by Great Lawyers. In organizing the academy yesterday great lawyers on the necessity a body as the American Acad-Jurisprudence. Justice Holmes of Jurisprudence. Justice Holmes United States Supreme Court had The importance, if it could be obcannot be overrated.

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feller will probably not have to pay \$12,-00,000 or any other sum of personal tax noney into the Cuyahoga county treas- Union Trust Company Accuses ury, said Tax Commissioner Fackler today. The only hope Fackler sees is to induce Gov. Cox to veto the bill passed last week changing the tax day.

This bill caused all the trouble, Mr. Fackler said. Mr. Rockefeller had been caught, it was thought, because he was LOSS at his Forest hill home after February 1. The new bill was a sop to farming communities, which dispose of cattle and ogs between February and April.

We were told that the bill would not go into effect until October," said Mr Fackler. "Now we find it becomes effective May 15. The law does not require personal property returns to be made until June 1, so that with the law repealed under which Mr. Rockefeller was liable to pay taxes in Ohio he can wait until PLAN TO INCORPORATE after May 15 and then point out that he left here before April 5 and therefore is tax free in Ohio."

Mr. Fackler asked the State Tax Commission to wire to Gov. Cox, who is in Florida, and explain the situation. The bill will become a law next Friday unless Gov. Cox changes his mind and orders the bill rushed to him for veto

## one of the most important meetings of BOY OF 8 STABS GIRL, 7, lawyers ever held in this country took WHO LOST SPELLING BEE

Academy of Jurisprudence, "She Spoiled the Honor Roll," Joseph Tells the Judge.

fusion, contradiction and uncertainty may 8 years old, was captain of a speiling team be removed from all the laws. A third in school. Helen Johnson, 7 years old, was on his team. She could not spell a under an act of Congress, with a central word and that lost his team the prize.

"She spoiled the honor roll and I stabbed her." was the boy's explanation Among the noted lawyers who signed to-day, when he was arraigned in Juvenile

Their teacher explained how both chil-Root, Henry Wade Rogers, James DeWitt dren were third grade pupils in the In-Andrews, for many years chairman of the diana avenue school and told how the spelling teams were organized and a

trophy offered. "We would have won it if she had kept up, but she fell down and put us out of the running," the boy put in.

He only intended to scare the girl, he said, but he pushed the blade too far and it penetrated her clothing and into the This was in sight of the class and a panic followed.

The Judge gave Master Ford a lecture

and turned him over to his parents, who promised to apply discip of a more intimate sort.

#### PENNSYLVANIA CUTS 14 TRAINS.

Depression Causes Discontinuance

PITTEBURG, Feb. 21.-Depression in of jurisprudence as a vital force in the business is given as the cause of the discontinuance of fourteen trains on the another apartment in the same building Pennsylvania Railroad, among them being fusion and uncertainty is everywhere rec- trains, one Harrisburg train, a Pitcairn egnized to be the systematic statement of express and several local trains. An the law. The practical function of juris- order issued by General Superintendent East Sixtleth street and White to the prudence is to give simplicity and har- Creighton of Altoona, which will go into apartment directly over the bank. There mony to the body of laws which otherwise effect on March 10, provides that train train No. 47, between New York and Chi- were apart and one did not know what cago, and train No. 36, between Chicago had become of the other. and New York, will be discontinued.

Some of the high class trains are to be reduced in equipment also.

#### NEW HAVEN TRAINS TO BE 'DRY.' If You Want to Drink Liquor Bring

It With You. The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad announces that after March 1, if one wants to drink liquor aboard any of its trains, he must take it with him when he goes aboard. After that date there will be nothing for sale on any diner, buffet, in any smoker or club car

In stopping the sale the road is following the example set by other railroads. twenty-five of which recently decided to abolish the sale of liquor.

#### PLUMAGE LAW TO BE TESTED. Woman Maintains Seisure Clause I

Not Retroactive.

A libel was filed yesterday by Assistant United States Attorney Reuben Wilson in the United States District Court, Brooklyn, against the head and tail feathers of a bird of paradise owned by Mrs. George B. McGuire of 135 Furman street, Syracuse. This action is a preliminary step in proceedings looking to the confiscation of the plumage, which was seized the arrival there of Mrs. McGuire on the

steamship Vanezia November 2. Ex-District Attorney Henry A. Wise has been retained by Mrs. MeGuire to contest the seizure on the ground that she plumage at Syracuse Novem-1. Mr. Wise will contend that the law is not retroactive.

#### FIVE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH.

Mother Who Tried Rescue Half Clad in Zero Weather Will Die.

ASHLAND, Me., Feb. 21 .- Fire destroyed scaler, at Eagle Lake early to-day and five of his six children were burned to death. Mrs. Smart, who was sleeping on the ground floor, saved herself and an infant daughter. The other children, ranging from 2 to 7 years in age, slept on the second floor.

Mrs. Smart was found, virtually with-

to break open a window to save her little ones. She was bleeding from cuts little ones. She was bleeding from cuts caused by broken glass and was be-numbed by a temperature many degrees

Mrs. Smart and the remaining child were taken to the home of a neighbor. She became unconscious and was not expected to live until morning.

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# BANK MISSES CASH; TWO CLERKS HELD

Receiving Teller and Bookkeeper.

MAY BE \$20,000

Charges Prisoners With False Entries at Plaza Branch of Big Concern.

Two men employed in the Plaza branch of the Union Trust Company, at Sixtieth street and Fifth averue, were arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of forgery in the third degree.

The two men, who are locked up in the East Sixty-seventh street station pending arraignment in the Yorkville court this morning, are Alonzo M. Woolsey, 40 years old, married, of 1968 Morris avenue, 'I ue Bronx, and Joseph T. White, 28 years old, single, of 744 Prospect avenue, The

Woolsey was the receiving teller of the branch and White the general bookkeeper. From the information which could be obtained yesterday-officials of the trust company are reticent-it seems that the two men took from the bank through a system of false entries, at least \$10,000 and perhaps much more.

The books indicate that more than \$20,000 has been taken, but Woolsey, who is said to have made a partial con-It is likely to be some days, however, before the truth is known, for though the clerks have been working all week on the books, the whole staff was busy in the branch up to 6 o'clock last evening and later.

Much mystery surrounds the arrest of out yesterday only tends to increase it. Woolsey, as the receiving teller, took in the money and made false entries, it is charged, but he denies that he received a dollar. He says he did it for White, and White has no statement to make. The question was not answered yesterday as to why Woolsey was willing to do as White directed.

Both men were under bonds, and officials of the trust company say the loss t. the institution will be little, if anything. The prisoners have been under suspicion for several months. Their accounts did not balance about two months ago, when it was discovered that \$45 was missing. kept on them.

The accounts of Woolsey and the books to E. G. Merrill, president of the company, by Ernest H. Cook, manager of the Plaza branch.

On last Thursday Mr. Cook engaged an goods. apartment at 14 East Sixtleth street, a as the branch itself.

#### Both Questioned About Books.

Woolsey was taken to the apartment in they were subjected to examination by No. 43, between New York and Pittsburg; trust company officials and lawyers. They Books over which the two men had

worked were taken to each of them and each was questioned about them.

Meantime, other accountants were going a private German firm. over the bank books and also some pass

The examination of the two men was home, if they desired, but that they would be kept under rigid surveillance. Both men decided to remain in their respective apartments. Detectives were always close at hand and kept guard over them. The two men were virtually prisoners for two days before they were put under arrest. Woolsey was first asked to explain why \$2,640 in his accounts did not correspond with a depositor's pass book. He is said to have admitted he changed the figures.

It is said on authority that in practically every instance Woolsey or White did not take from the bank the full amount that by their manipulation of the books they could have taken. Woolsey, questioned by President Merrill, asserted that he did not get any of the m

#### Teller's Wife in Tears.

Officials would not say whether he gave any reason for making such a sa

After the bank officials had got all the information possible from the two, Mr. Cook went to the Yorkville Court yesterday morning and got warrants. Shortly after 2 o'clock Mrs. Woolsey. nely dressed, attractive woma police station and got permission to see her husband. She broke down at the

President Merrill of the trust company issued a statement through the offices of Spooner & Cotton, attorneys for the insti-The officers of the Plaza branch have

#### decided to institute criminal proceedings against two clerks at the branch on account of a false entry made by then Both Clerks Under Bond.

"The business of the Plaza branch is kept entirely separate from that of the other offices of the company and no trust "Both the clerks in question are under surety bonds and the amount involved is tenance of discipline have made a public

prosecution necessary."

Both men have long been employed by the trust company, White for thirteen years. Both were highly respected. Woolsey and his wife and daughter have lived for two years in an attractive apartment in The Henry No. one was a been been to be the property of the pro ment in The Bronx. No one was at hom

last night.
White was of a sociable turn and went out a great deal. He went to the theatres frequently and often afterward. attended the cabarets. His father, Samuel, retired from business, said last evening he did met believe the charges against his son. A. Sperry, Jr.

### THE SUN TO-DAY CONSISTS OF SEVEN SECTIONS,

-General News -Sporting. Automobiles, Dogs. -Real Estate, Country Life. Poultry, Gardens, Financial FOURTH -Pictorial Magazine . . 1 -Fiction Magazine . . 20 -Foreign, Books, Queries, Schools, Problems . . .

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# U. S. AIDS STANDARD OIL IN BERLIN FIGHT

ment of American Company From Germany.

fession, insists that less than \$10,000 was MAYCONFISCATE PROPERTY

Plant Will Be Sold According to Government Valuation, Says Reichstag Bill.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, Feb. 21 .- The United States Government has renewed its representations against the exclusion of the Stand-Oil Company from Germany under the terms of the proposed petroleum monopoly bill, the passage of which is

now regarded as a certainty. According to information obtained by THE SUN correspondent in Governmental circles, Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador, acting on instructions from the State Department at Washington, asked against what practically amounts to a declaration of war upon one of the largest industries of America and against its exclusion from the German market.

Germany's legal right to pass such bill is not questioned by the United the findings of that court. of White caused more trouble on Satur- States, but the standpoint is taken that day a week ago. A report was made it would be a most unfriendly commercial action against American trade and would possible retaliation on German trust made

Stress was laid by Ambassador Gerard few doors east of the branch office, and on the point that the proposed measure confiscatory action in compelling the man experts without taking into con- tionalist leader's story. sideration the good will of the American firm and the business which it has built up during many years. This is not to be done for the purpose of creating a German Government monopoly in petroleum. Under the provisions of the bill the Government will simply take the Standard Oil Company's plant and turn it over to

The petroleum bill is now in the third reading stage in the Reichstag com-The strong sentiment against mittee. not finished on Thursday, and at the close creating a monopoly in this comof the day both were told they could go modity, which defeated the same measure a year ago, seems to have completely disappeared and there is now little opposition to the bill. In commercial and Governmental circles it is frankly admitted that it is believed in these quarters that the prejudice against the Standard England Calls for an Inquiry Oil Company is so strong in America that retaliatory action by the United States is most improbable.

Ambassador Gerard will not deny the report that he has made such representa- to the execution of William S. Benton in tions to the Government, but declines to discuss the matter.

#### DR. DAVID G. WYLIE RESIGNS. Ends 23 Year Pastorate to Accept Church Erection Post.

The Rev. Dr. David G. Wylie, fo twenty-three years pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, Ninety-sixth street and Central Park West, will notify his congregation to-day that he has placed his resignation in the hands of the Crurch ship of the Board of Church Erection.

#### T. A. SPERRY LEFT \$2,000,000. Wife Gets Half of Estate-Children Share Other Half.

The appraisal of the estate of Thomas A. Sperry of the trading stamp firm of Sperry & Hutchinson was filed yes-It shows he had more \$2.000.000. The exact value was legal residence at Cranford, N. J., though he had an apartment at the Langham, Seventy-third street and Central Park West.

crimes such as the murder of Benton. rry died September 2 last and The Sunday Times tays: his estate is taxed only for the value of "The nation which demands respect for the contents of his apartment in the Langham, which he left to his wife, Kate the Monroe Doctrine has a particular of ligation to the other Powers. In regard M. Sperry. The value was \$12,157. He to the murder of foreign residents in owned many paintings, but the valuable was Frederic Remins "Western Rider and Pack Mules," Mexico the obligation is made heavier by the fact that the Government which up- | has had something to say on the matpraised at only \$900. Constand Cap's
"The Philosopher" was appraised at \$600
and three others appraised at \$500 each. holds the Monroe Doctrine is deliberately conniving at a supply of arms and am-The bulk of Mr. Sperry's estate, which is not taxable in New York State, conmunitions to the faction by whom these murders are being committed. This fac surely imposes direct responsibility on sists of securities in various corporations the Government in question. "It is easy to believe that President equal shares to his daughters, Kath Wilson is seriously exercised by such de-Marjorie Alexandra Sperry ns, Stuart Major and Thomas velopments of a situation that is anxious

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# SAY BENTON WAS DULY TRIED; AMERICANS REPORTED SLAIN

# U. S. Will Follow Lead of England in Benton Case

Great Britain Is Expected to Adopt Proverbial Drastic Measures to Punish Man's Slavers

taken by the British Government regarding the execution of William S. Benton for Benton's death. will govern to a large extent the attitude of the United States in that affair.

the circumstances under which Benton met his death no action will be taken by either the British or American Government. The British Government is at present looking to the State Department here for information on the subject, and Mr. Renews Protest Against Banish- Bryan is transmitting to the British Embassy such reports as he receives as rapidly as they come in. Consuls Edwards and Carothers, now at El Paso and Juarez, have been instructed to make their investigation as complete as possible and are endeavoring to renew communication with Gen. Villa in Chihuahua.

The Benton case was discussed in the Senate this afternoon, following the reading of telegrams from El Paso citizens to Senator Fall, denouncing the killing of Benton as a cold blooded murder for which Villa was responsible. Administration Senators indicated the attitude of the Government toward the situation by calling an executive session so as to avoid publicity regarding the discussion of the

#### Villa's Version Accepted.

The explanation of the killing of Benton offered in Administration circles to-day indicated beyond a shadow of doubt the desire of the Administration to accept Villa's account. Mr. Bryan declined t say whether or not he did accept Villa's explanation of the Benton execution.

At the White House there was no con cealment of the relief experienced when to be permitted to make representations the reports of the American Consul were found to contain statements that Benton had gone armed to Villa's home in Juarez and he had engaged in a violent quarrel with Villa, that he was tried by a military court and executed in accordance with

It was admitted by Secretary of State Bryan later in the day, however, that the information given out about the offence of Benton and the mode of his execution was based wholly upon statements made by Villa to Consul Edwards at Juarez on

Thursday morning. In view of Gen. Villa's reputation, his provides for what virtually amounts to great personal interest and prejudice in case and reports that have the border, few persons here outside ofplant at a figure placed thereon by Ger- ficial circles give credit to the Constitu-

#### British View Will Count

It is held in Washington that it will in the end make little difference whether or not the Administration accepts Villa's ranza's responsibility for Villa as a bar explanation. It is Great Britain's view of the case that will count, it is declared

The British Government has given only Great Britain privately disagrees. While repeated assurances have been given that Great Britain will interpose no obstacle in the way of the President's policy in titude will be maintained in the face of is decidedly pessimistic.

Mexico beyond the following, which was

Government, which has promised protec-

tion to British subjects in parts of Mexico

where no British consulates exist, has in-

structed United States consular repre-

sentatives to investigate thoroughly the

circumstances of William S. Benton's

Sun's despatches some time ago, that the

British Foreign Office policy undoubtedly

does not agree with that of President Wil-

son, but at the same time the Foreign

Office is anxious not to embarrass the

Washington Government and will take no

step without a full report from the United

States and a discussion of the subject

The newspapers here assail the United

States Government for its policy in

Mexico and declare that action should

promptly be taken to prevent any further

and perplexing in every aspect, but it i

evident if the trouble is not to grow im-

measurably that some other , olicy than that of patience and moral influence, sup-

with the American Government.

issued early vesterday:

death."

refuses to make any statement in regard Mexico quickly."

"At the request of his Majesty's Am- not only the responsibility which is in-

further.

bassador at Washington the American volved in the assertion of the Monroe

Washington, Feb. 21 .- Any action strong pressure upon Sir Edward Grey at home in favor of some positive step look ing to the punishment of those responsible

Present indications are that the British policy will lie in the direction of placing as great a responsibility as possible on Pending a complete investigation into the United States in the Benton case. It is known that the European view, shared to a darge extent by Great Britain, is that the United States must take responsibility for conditions in Mexico no only because of its traditional attitude discouraging European activities in the political affairs of Latin American countries, but also on account of having taken down the bars against the importation of arms by the rebels.

Mr. Bryan has not yet discussed with Ambassador Spring-Rice the question of the responsibility of the United States in the Benton or any other case. The question has not been raised. The attitude of the State Department has been hitherto that it assumes no responsibility for the safety of life or property of Amer icans or other foreigners in Mexico. It has exerted itself and continues to do so on behalf of Americans and all other foreigners without discrimination when ever their life or property has been threatened. It is not believed, however that the Administration will willingly ad mit that it has any responsibility what ever in the Benton case should Great Britain look to the United States for some mode of obtaining reparation.

#### Official Circles Stirred.

The great stir caused in official Washington, and in the Diplomatic Corps particularly, is regarded here as a remarkable tribute to the reputation which the British Government bears throughout the world for never letting a wrong inflicted upon a British subject abroad go unpunished. Far more excitement has been caused here in the last twenty-four hours tial law. over the death of this one British rancher

Persons familiar with the vigorous policy of the British Government in this respect declared that the United States Senate, but the discussion was carried need not expect for a minute that England on behind closed doors. for the rancher's death.

It is asserted now that Great Britain action in the case. will never join the United States in aiding any of the present leaders of the revolution in the north to establish a stable government in Mexico. Great Villa as President and will hold Caragainst his becoming President.

Ever since the harsh treatment accorded to the Spaniards at Chihuahua by passive assent to the policy of the United Villa the Administration's belief in Villa court-martial which condemned him, ac-States in Mexico, with which it is known has been rapidly disappearing and officials admit that he is impossible. The outlook from the point of view of those who had hoped to see Carranza overturn Huerta and relieve the United States Government of a dangerous and difficult task

The Globe said yesterday :

The Evening Standard said :

style of corruption and cruelty."

"The deplorable state of things in Mex-

President Wilson is partly responsible,

though he has all along been actuated

by the highest motives. It seems cer-

tain that Mr. Benton was shot in cold

blood on Villa's instructions, and when

this sort of thing happens to a British

subject the British Government hitherto

EUROPE TO SEND MORE SHIPS.

Britain Will Act.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUX.

fending his motives, saying:

"It is intolerable that British subjects

out redress. . . . The United States have

Doctrine and its denial of the right of a

European Government to protect its own

#### Department at Washington by the Mexican rebels. According to this report the British rancher was found guilty of an attempt to kill Gen. Pancho Villa and of giving material ald to the Federals and sen-

tenced to death in accordance with mar-Reports reached E! Paso yesterday than has been occasioned in the last three that Gustav Bauch, an American, and years by the deaths of scores of Ameri- another man whose name is not known.

cans as a result of the disorders in Mexwere executed by Gen. Villa in Juares on Wednesday. The Mexican situation came up in the

will permit the Benton case to pass with- The State Department is expected to out taking every possible measure looking await an announcement of Great Britto the punishment of those responsible ain's attitude regarding the killing of one of her citizens befor

# TEXT OF TRIAL REPORT.

#### Britain, it is believed, will not accept Rebel Version of Benton's Death Sent to Washington.

EL Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.-William S Benton, the British subject who was executed Tuesday in Juarez by Pancho Villa, was permitted to testify before the cording to the official report of Benton's trial.

The rebel version of the court-martial says that Benton declared on the stand that he had no intention of harming Villa when he called upon him last Tuesday and that he did not attempt to harm him. Benton's testimony, however, did not have weight with the men who were trying him, for the verdict of the court was death. The official report of courtmartial, according to the Mexican rebel officials, was forwarded to Washington to-day. The following is a verbatim LONDON, Feb. 22. - The Foreign Office ammunition wagons, must be adopted in translation:

#### Report of Court-Martial.

"In Ciudad, Juarez, on Tuesday, Februshould continue to be done to death withary 17, 1914, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon an extraordinary council of war was assembled by the military commander of the place, Col. Fidel Avila, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Tomas Orenelas, president; Lieut.-Col. Carlos Carranza, Major Jossubjects in Mexico but they have the adquin Terrazas and Captains Dioniclo A. ditional responsibility of supplying Gen. Gomez and Eduardo E. Analon, assisted Villa and the Mexican rebels with arms by Major Jesus Rodriguez, judge inand thereby promoting lawlessness, which structor. There were also present Capt. has had such grievous results to British Jesus Gloria, Jr., agent of the public proslives and interests. President Wilson has ecutor, and Adrian Aguirre Benavides. It remains true, as indicated in THE gone too far to shrink from going assessor. The object of the court-martial was to try the English subject William Benton, accused of transgression, insults "Benton's summary execution, if it is and violences against the General-intrue, only emphasizes the fact that Mex- Chief of the division of the northern Conico is a semi-barbarous country and some stitutionalist army, Gen. Francisco Villa, international compulsion will soon be and for the crime of conspiring against necessary to stop its wallowing in this the peace of the republic in the service of the usurper of the Constitutionalist The Evening News holds President government of the republic, Victoriano Wilson partly responsible, although de-

"The accused man was arraigned, and having been advised to name his defender, ico is one for which the attitude of article 300 of the law of penal proceedings in time of war was explained to him. Capt. Marino Tammuez was designated for this post and was ordered to defend him loyally. At 4:15 o'clock the president declared the tribunal in public session. Capt. Eduardo Andalon read articles 303 and 312 of the law of penal procedure in time of war and explained the organization of military courts and asked those present if they had any objection to offer to the formation of the court and the

## Prisoner Is Examined.

"The witnesses were then called. They were Major Manuel E. Banda and Engineer Andres L. Farias. The court com-menced the examination of the prisoner, PARIS, Feb. 22 .- It is reported here that William Benton, said to be a native of the British and French Governments will send more warships to Mexican waters in consequence of the Benton affair.

This execution is regarded here as seriously complicating the existing trouble.

William Benton, said to be a native of Scotland, 45 years of age, a rancher and a residence of El Paso, Tex., where he has his residence, and after he had been advised to tell the truth about the whole affair he said:

"That to-day at 10 o'clock or 11 o'clock